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A Surgeon, that skins o'er a Sore without searching to the Bottom, is by general Cenſure ſtigmatiz'd either as a downright Ignorant, or a Knave in Practice. To avoid, therefore, all ſuch Imputations on my own Part, and not to intrench upon the leaſt of the Purlieus of the Profeſſion I am engag'd upon, I tranſport my Pen from the Conſideration of the Little to that of the little Great; and there will be found a great Vulgar in this as well as moſt other Stations of Life. But I forget myſelf, and, like a too hot-mettled Racer, if I don't take Care, my Zeal may carry me on the wrong Side the Poſt. I proceed, therefore, leiſurely, where I left off, and go on to point out the Calamities attending the Clients from the Mal-Practice of their Lawyers. But who can ſuſtain the Labour? Search City and Country.——Take the Complaints of the Widow and Fatherleſs.——Do not neglect the honeſt Tradeſman, or reject the poor Farmer; —— and perhaps they may produce you Volumes, that alone may out-bulk the Body of our Laws. I had once a Thought of ſetting about a Collection of this Nature, in order to publiſh it, for the Inſtruction of my loving Countrymen, and my poor Fellow-Sufferers. ——I had more than my own Inclination to preſs me forward; ſeveral of my Acquaintance goading me on with the Glory, and ſome with the Advantage, of the Undertaking. But juſt as I begun to draw towards a Reſolution, I perceiv'd at my Elbow more than a Cozen of one of thoſe who was like to make a conſiderable Figure in my Collection; and he had got, between his Finger and Thumb, a Piece of Parchment, with a Couple of Seals at the End of it, call'd a *Latitat*, which he brandiſh'd in the Air by way of Terror. Nevertheleſs, tho' it ſerv'd to affrighten my over-weak Supporters, it no farther intimidated me, than to poſtpone the Work till I could, by my Pains and Care, render it thoroughly compleat. If there ſhould happen to be any Reader of this Paper, that finds himſelf inſpir'd with ſufficient Motives to encourage the Labour, my Collection is too far advanc'd to be the Sacrifice of Fear or Apprehenſion. But to go on with my Diſcoveries. The firſt great Evil, and perhaps the Original of all, is the unreaſonable Encouragement theſe human Vultures find in all their Proceedings. The Law, as it is now manag'd, ſeems no more than a Game at Tennis; where Superiors and Inferiors play into one another's Hands, and divide the Stakes, tho' the Money come all out of other People's Pockets. I confeſs it is pretty enough, tho' nothing new, to ſee the Catchpole and his Brother the Vitilitigator go Snacks: But it muſt raiſe Indignation in every honeſt Heart, to underſtand the Court, in its Officers, come in for a Dividend. It is well known that every Subject contributes towards the Increaſe of Stipends: Why then ſhould he be excis'd for the Underlings? Can it be deny'd that this Encroachment is the Foſter-Father of others? It muſt be a very ſtrong Principle of Honeſty, that can reſiſt the profitable Perſuaſions of bad Example. But, alas! as not one in ten thouſand ever trouble themſelves with any Principle but that of Mammon (viſible in their Bills as well as Practice) what a Deluge of Encroachment and Extortion are the poor Subjects of this Kingdom liable to! Get or loſe the Cauſe, there is little Difference; and the Man had Wit in his Sign-Poſt Satire, tho' it diſguſted his Honour, his Landlord, even to the Diſcharge of a very good Tenant. But it may be offer'd againſt this Objection of Extortion, That common Practice muſt acknowledge a Remedy in the Maſters Taxing of Bills. A pretty Remedy indeed! which ſtill brings Grift to the general, or, if you pleaſe, to the Manour, Mill, and Jays the Oppreſs'd under freſh Loads of Oppreſſion. The craſty Gameſters know well enough the Dice they throw with; and the Client muſt have great good Luck, if he does not find the Doctor his Portion. However, this we are all ſure of, by woful Experience, that to tax a ſmall Bill, the Play will not pay the Candle. Therefore, the little Vermin are ſure to elude the Trap; and as for the great —— there is ſuch a Certainty of Charge and Attendance, and ſuch an Uncertainty (from what is not yet ripe enough for naming) of taking off a ſixth Part, to entitle him to the Coſts, ſo as to compenſate the Pains and Hazard, that I have known ſenſible Men ſubmit to one Rapine, rather than riſque a ſecond. It is very certain, this Indolence, or Over-Caution of theirs, has given ſome Encouragement to the iniquitous Part of the Fraternity to perſiſt in their Ways, and will remain irremediable, till ſome penal Statute diſqualify for ever every Infractor. It was no ill Advance towards a Remedy, to this and many other like Evils, which a late Houſe of Commons propos'd in the fixing the ſeveral Fees of every Officer in every Office. Had they proceeded, it might have done ſomewhat towards Redreſs: But, unleſs they had at the ſame Time ſettled the Price of a vulgar Attorney's Letter, and limited the Number and Value of their moſtly unprofitable Attendances (to their Clients I mean) the Neceſſity of Taxing would have remain'd, and the Taxer, as a Brother of the Quill, muſt be an uncommon good Man, that will over-look Conſanguinity and Relation to do Juſtice to a Stranger. When I mention Conſanguinity and Relation, I muſt not be underſtood to mean in a natural, but political Senſe; of which if we grant that Intereſt is the Baſis, all natural Claims will, among this Set of Gentry, be found to be Foibles. As I hinted in a former Paper, the Ties of Relation are ſacred even in a Catchpole; whoſe Infractions of the Law are only Badges of his Conſanguinity, and accordingly exact Compaſſion and Aſſiſtance. It carries the Mark of a Free Maſon along with it; with this Difference only, that as the one plays the Fool with Oaths, the other plays the Knave by Cuſtom, and pleads Preſcription for it. But theſe muſt all paſs for Peccadillos, with thoſe light-finger'd Gentry, who defalk a Guinea in two of what the Client allow'd for the Barriſter to plead his Cauſe. I perſuade myſelf, *in prima facie*, this will appear ſomewhat monſtrous; nevertheleſs I dare appeal for the Truth of it, even to the Gownmen themſelves. It is true, it is ſomewhat againſt the *pacta Conventa* of the Tribe, if not a Sort of preying on their own Kind: But for all that, I am able to produce Vouchers, if the Gentlemen injur'd ſhould be unwilling to vouch againſt a Brother; tho' in this Caſe, perhaps, they will not be found ſo very backward. Well; but, ſay they, there is even here a Remedy, and if you ſee Council, and move the Court, it may be you will be order'd your Money back. Thus it is but a *may be* at the beſt: Yet where, I wonder, had been that *may be* Satisfaction, if it had not been very accidentally diſcover'd? The Lawyer would have pleaded according to his Pay (for they are all periect *Swiſs* in Diſcipline) and the Client, for want of ſome due Emphaſis or other, had undergone the Slur, and Charge perhaps of a Non-Suit, or ſome other litigious Procraſtination. A late Act, indeed, provides, that every like Malverſation ſhall be mulcted with Tranſportation: But who, I wonder, can prove that ever any Defaulter was ſo puniſh'd? A right Judge's Clerk would never admit, that ſo egregious a Perquiſite ſhould be ſo abſcinded. The Emolument of his Pocket is much preferable to that of the Nation; and, altho' he calls his Maſter Lord, he will not ſtick on all Occaſions to evince himſelf ſo much Lord of his Maſter, as to make his great Reputation almoſt every Way ſubſervient to his own Intereſt. In ſhort, the Judge is the Mouth of the Law; but a right good Clerk will take Care to have the Management of every Orifice about him. The Queſtion *Veſpaſian* put to *Titus*, on offering to his Smell ſome Monies that had been the Product of the Stercorian Duties, is never out of his Memory, but ready at hand for Application whenever reprimanded: And reprimanded he may be ſometimes, tho' rarely, very rarely, puniſh'd, be his Demerits never ſo flagrant. There are, doubtleſs, many yet greater Hardſhips attending the unfortunate Client, than are here touch'd upon; but, as I ſhall be oblig'd to mention ſome of them, when I come to make ſome uſeful Obſervations on the Practice and Proceedings of our Lawyers in their ſeveral Courts, I ſhall, in this Paper, only dilate upon one or two which affect the Client univerſally, and which bad Lawyers, however found to be tardy in, as the Law is now circumſtance'd, never did, nor, if they can help it, ever will make any Satisfaction for. And the firſt ſhall be, The Loſs of Writings, whether Deeds, Bonds, or other Articles material in the Cauſe depending. I remember, about two Years ago, while the Reforming Bill was in the Houſe, I mention'd this among other Things to a Member, and a very active one, who thought it highly reaſonable that the Lawyer ſhould be made reſponſible; and ſaid he would propoſe it to the Committee: But the ſudden End of that Seſſion put an End to all at that Time, and the Time has not yet come that has brought any Thing like it upon the Stage. However, to evince the Reaſonableneſs of making either Attorney or Sollicitor reſponſible for all Writings entruſted to his Care, I ſhall iſſue this Head with a Tranſaction within my own Knowledge. A Sollicitor in Chancery, an honeſt Man as Times go, and well vers'd in Buſineſs (tho' in the Caſe in hand a little ſupine) was employ'd by a Friend of mine to file his Bill. The Equity of the Bill was founded on Articles ſign'd between the Plaintiff and Defendant ſome Time before. Soon after the Filing of the Bill, and a little before the putting in the ſaid Anſwer, the Sollicitor for the Plaintiff, leaving his Bag as uſual with the Woman of the Coffee-houſe he made uſe of, a Trickſter on the other Side finds Means, ſome Way or other, to rummage the Bag, and take out the very Articles on which all the Equity was founded. In ſhort, ſoon after an Anſwer was put in, and (as they remain'd ſure of their Prize) the whole Equity was deny'd. The Sollicitor was very ſure that he had had the Articles in his Poſſeſſion; but that was not ſufficient: For which Reaſon, and for fear of expoſing one that he could not think any other ways guilty than of Careleſſneſs, my Friend dropt the Cauſe, upon the Sollicitor's agreeing to pay Coſts. But ſure it can never be pretended that this Over-Lenity of my Friend ought to be brought into Precedent. The Lot might have fallen upon a Man whoſe Ruin it might have been; and in ſuch Caſe, if Law was deficient, Equity itſelf was ſufficient to have done him Juſtice. But there is yet another Enormity more flagrant than the laſt mention'd; and that is, when a fair Practiſer, as they call them, after he has had Money enough to bring the Cauſe to a Hearing, juſt in the very Criſis —— elopes his Client, and leaves him in Danger of being non-ſuited, or of paying Coſts for Default of going on to a Hearing. One would think there were not ſuch Rogues as theſe to be found upon the Face of the Earth; —— but the *Engliſh* Law is a prolifick Parent. Not that I would engroſs the Honour to my Countrymen: For, on Experience I can ſay it, that our United Brethren are in all Caſes of this Nature in a Degree next above the Comparative: But, according to their cuſtomary Affectation, they mimick their beloved Brethren the *French*, and do all Things in the *Civil* Mode and Manner. But whether Bribery, Fear, or Extortion be the Parent of this Dereliction, or if Indolence or Pleaſure (as your very Cubs are mighty Party —— that Way) it muſt be granted, the ſuffering Client ought to have his Redreſs ſome more ſummary Way, than by moving a Court, and appealing to Judges who are in ſome Meaſure Parties againſt Compenſation. This leads me to the laſt Head that I ſhall touch upon in this preſent Paper. And that is, Their Diligence and Integrity; which, tho' intelligible Words in themſelves, appear wholly unintelligible in their Practice. I put them together, becauſe, in my Opinion, every Man that is Maſter of Integrity will be diligent. Every Cauſe is undoubtedly a Truſt; and, according to the Condition of the Perſon, or the Importance or Value thereof, every ſuch Truſt ought to exact the Conſideration of the Perſon entruſted. If then by Neglect, Inadvertence, or want of due Application, it can be legally prov'd, and to the Satisfaction of a Jury, that the Client has ſuffer'd, the Undertaker ought to pay full Coſts and Damages: Or if not in a Capacity to do that, he will hardly want the Aſſent of any honeſt Man for his being ſent to a properer Employment, to plant Tobacco in *Virginia* or ſome other of our *Indian* Plantations. There can be no Exciſe at all in the Puniſhment, if we conſider the Encouragement they all

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have, from even their reasonable Fees: For if under Allowances suiting a Gentleman, he will be guilty of Porterly Actions, who can grudge him Porter's Usage. If it should be started as an Objection, That such Rigour will be a Discouragement to the young Professors; I answer, There's no Danger of it. Some perhaps may be afraid; in which Case I doubt not, but all will agree, that every Lessening is some Alleviation to the Evil. Those who are of a more daring Spirit may persist, and leave the Timorous to their fancy'd Genius of Poetry; which, in all Probability, may produce some Ballads, or Ballad, that, to the Honour of the great Fraternity, may long survive that of *Moor* of *Moor-Hall* that slew the Dragon of *Wantley*.

SATURDAY, *May* 26.

ON Thursday last a poor Man lately released out of Prison, and in great Necessity, passing along *Bishopsgate-street*, saw a Piece of Bread, and some other Victuals lying upon a Stall, which making bold to eat, the Party that own'd it, who was a poor Woman that sold Greens, took so ill the Disappointment of her Dinner, and the Freedom of her Guest, that she flew in his Face, and beat him with her Pattin in a very unmerciful Manner, and the Fellow is since dead.

Yesterday the young Man who was drowned on Sunday last in the *Thames*, near *Peterborough-House*, was taken up in a Fisherman's Net, as he was a fishing for Shads; and last Night the Coroner's Inquest sat on the Body, and brought in their Verdict *Accidental Death*.

On Thursday last one *O Conner* stood in the Pillory at *Norton Falgate*, for Perjury, and was severely pelted by the Populace.

Last Night the new-born Daughter of the Right Hon. the Earl of *Pomfret*, was baptiz'd at his Lordship's House in *Hanover-Square*; his Grace the Duke of *Manchester* stood Godfather, and her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, and the Dutchess of *Bolton*, Godmothers.

Preferments. His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Sir *Robert Salisbury Cotton*, Bart. Lord Lieutenant for the County of *Denbigh*.——*Henry Bland*, Esq; was Yesterday in a General Court of the *Turkey* Company, appointed Secretary of the Embassy at *Constantinople*, in the room of —— *Sandys*, Esq; who some Time since resign'd that Post.

Deaths. Yesterday died —— *Sheppard*, Esq; at Sir *Thomas Lowther*'s in *Red-Lion-Square*.——The same Day died at *Newington*, Mr. *Forester*, who was some Time since stabb'd in the Arm with a Case-Knife, by one *Finlater*, at the *Black Dog* in *Shoreditch*.

MONDAY, *May* 28.

His Majesty has been pleased to promise a Pardon to any of the Persons concern'd in writing the threatning Letter to Mr. *Combee* in *Spittle-Fields*, and afterwards setting Fire to his House, upon Condition they'll discover their Accomplices; and the said Gentleman has offer'd to accompany his Majesty's Pardon with a Reward of 50*l*.

Last Saturday in the Afternoon two Persons throwing a Cast Net in the River, just opposite to *Billingsgate*, brought up a new-born Female Infant with its Skull fractur'd, and the Belly had been ripp'd open and sew'd up again.

The same Day a Man in *Old-street* having some Difference with his Wife, beat her in so inhuman a Manner, that she died in a few Hours after.

We hear there is a Clause in the Lottery-Bill for the Relief of the Sufferers of the *Charitable Corporation*, to restrain all Persons (after the Lottery is begun drawing) from buying or selling any Tickets, or letting out Tickets to hire, under severe Penalties, both on Buyer and Seller, and that all Bargains so made shall be null and void.

The Lord Viscount *Lymington*'s Lady being at *New Tunbridge Wells*, to drink the Waters, the Concourse of People was so great, that her Ladyship was thrown down, and had one of her Ancles strained in a violent Manner.

On Saturday Morning the Judges met in the *Exchequer-Chamber* at *Westminster*, and chose their Circuits for the Summer-Assizes as follow, *viz.*

Northern Circuit.
Lord Chief Justice Eyre, Mr. Justice Reeve.
Western Circuit.
Lord Chief Baron Reynolds, Mr. Justice Lee.
Oxford Circuit.
Mr. Justice Page only.
Norfolk Circuit.
Mr. Justice Denton, Mr. Justice Probyn.
Midland Circuit.
Mr. Baron Carter, Mr. Justice Fortescue Aland.
Home Circuit.
Mr. Baron Comyns, Mr. Baron Thomson.

Dublin, May 19. Last Saturday, the 12th of this Instant, the Right Hon. the Earl of *Orrery*, the Rev. Dr. *Swift*, Dean of St. *Patrick's*, and the Rev. Dr. *Sherridan*, rid from *Dublin* to *Tallow-Hill*, to take a Prospect of the adjacent Country. As they were mounting a Rock, they observed a Stream running thro' the Middle of it, which fell into a natural Bason, and was thence conveyed thro' some subterraneous Cavities, but they could not any where discover by what secret Passage it was conveyed out again; so that they concluded the Waters were still in some Reservoir within the Bowels of the Hill, which must infallibly burst forth in Time, and fall directly upon the City. The Doctor sent directly for a Milking-Pail, to compute what Quantity ran out, which held about two Gallons, and it was filled in the Space of a Minute, so that it runs in 24 Hours 2880 Gallons; this multiplied by 365, produces 1,051,200, and shews the Quantity that runs from the Rock in a Year; so that in three Years, about the 13th Day of *November*, he computes that it must burst the Belly of the Mountain, and emit an Inundation which will run to all the Points of the *Boyne*, and greatly endanger the City of *Dublin*.

Preferment. His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Capt. *Jekyll* to be Major to the Regiment of Dragoons commanded by Brigadier-General *Churchill*, in the room of *Philip Gery*, Esq; promoted to the Post of Lieutenant-Colonel to the said Regiment.

Marriage. They write from *Plymouth*, that Mr. *Edward Deeble*, one of the Aldermen of that Borough, was married to Mrs. *Margaret Lavington*, a Widow Lady of a considerable Fortune.

Deaths. On Wednesday last died *Thomas Carpenter*, Esq; of the *Homme* near *Weobley* in *Herefordshire*.——On Friday died, at her Father's House at *Endfield*, Miss *Judith Gough* only Daughter of Justice *Gough*, a Maiden Gentlewoman.——The same Day died at the *Bath*, *Thomas Price*, Esq;—— On Saturday Morning Mr. *Bewley*, Master of the *Virginia* Coffee-house in St. *Michael's-Alley*, *Cornhill*, was found dead in his Bed.——He eat his Supper the Night before in perfect Health.——On Friday last died, at his House in *Hertford*, *John Combs*, Esq; formerly an eminent *Turkey* Merchant.——The same Day died, at *Belfund* near *Hounslow* in *Middlesex*, Mrs. *Martha Douglass*, a young Lady of a great Fortune.

Bankrupt. James Tidesley, late of *Liverpool*, in the County of *Lancaster*, Merchant.

TUESDAY, *May* 29.

Yesterday Morning *John Jones* and *John Davis*, the condemn'd Malefactors at the last Sessions, were executed at *Tyburn*; the former of whom pretended to be very sick, for which Reason they used him with so much Compassion, as not to tie him in the Cart, as usual; and being come to the Tree, while the Executioner was tying up his Fellow Sufferer, he leap'd off the Cart, and made thro' the Crowd into the Fields; but being closely pursued, he was taken, and hang'd with his Companion.

On Friday last a new Commission of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, passed the Great Seal, in which several Gentlemens Names not qualified were left out, and others inserted in their Room.

Yesterday being the Anniversary of the Birth of his late Majesty King *George* I. the same was observed throughout the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, by Ringing of Bells, and other publick Rejoicings.

The Lectures at *Gresham-College* are appointed to be read every Morning during the Term, at Nine o'Clock in *Latin*, and at Three in the Afternoon in *English*, by the following Gentlemen, *viz.* Monday, *John Bridgen*, M.A. Divinity. Tuesday, *John Cuming*, of the *Temple* Esq; Civil Law. Wednesday, *John Machin*, Astronomy. Thursday, Dr. *Newland*, Geometry. Friday, *John Ward*, F. R. S. Rhetorick. Saturday, *Henry Pemberton*, Esq; Physick. The same Day at Four in the Afternoon a Lecture upon Physick.

Bristol, May 21, 1733.

To the Right Worshipful John King, *Esq; Mayor, and the Worshipful the Aldermen of the City of* Bristol, *met at the* Guild Hall *at an Adjournment of the Quarter-Sessions.*

We the Grand Jury for the said City and County, take the Liberty of acquainting your Worships, that we have seen the Extract of a Letter printed in the *Daily Courant* of the 19th of *April* last, that highly reflects on the Conduct of the Right Worshipful the Mayor, for the Rejoicings he encouraged on the Suspension of the Excise-Bill.

And as in Duty bound, we have made Enquiry into the several Facts there asserted, and find many of them to be false and scandalous; and we are well informed, that Mr. Mayor took necessary Caution to prevent any Excess of Joy, that such extraordinary News might naturally happen to produce.

We do therefore present the said Extract of a Letter, dated the 14th of *April* last, as a scandalous Libel, and desire your Worships will treat it as it deserves.

It appears by the Report of the Committee which inspected and examined the several Accounts of the *South-Sea* Company;

That in the Year 1720, 11,186,266*l*. 11*s*. had been lent upon Pledges on Stock and Subscriptions, of which 717,860*l*. 8*s*. 11*d*. had been paid back, and that 2,441,718*l*. 14*s*. 10*d*. Stock had been sest on the Company's Hands for want of Redemption;

That there has been received from the late Directors Estates 2,312,517*l*. 14*s*. 4*d*. ¼, the Estates, *&c.* unsold, being esteemed 119,007*l*. 7*s*. 11*d*. makes the Whole amount to 2,431,525*l*. 2*s*. 3*d*. ¼.

Received on the Trade Account, from the 27th of *Feb.* 1720-1, to the 26th of *May* 1732, more than paid, (including 248,000*l*. received on Account of former Debts abroad) 32,260*l*. 18*s*.

The Exceedings of Dividends on *South-Sea* Stock and Annuities, more than received from the Government, from *Christmas* 1720, to *Christmas* 1727, 1,632,540*l*. 2*s*. 10*d*. ½

Owing on Bonds the 26th of *May* 1732 1,967,850*l*.

Due to the Proprietors on several Dividends at *Lady-Day* 1732 234,351*l*. 13*s*. 3*d*.

Loss by the *Greenland* Trade 176,556*l*. 15*s*. 3*d*.

Paid Salaries and Charges of Management from the 22d of *Feb.* 1720-1, to the 26th of *May* 1732 189,442*l*. 18*s*. 8*d*.

Gain'd by the Company in that Time on Transfers and Stamps 34,662*l*. 17*s*. 6*d*.

Ballance of Cash in Mr. *De Gols*'s Hands the 26th of *May* 1732 378,385*l*. 8*s*. 1*d*. ½

The Ballance owing by the Company at that Time, is said to be 1,827,265*l*. 16*s*. 3*d*. ½

Towards making good of which they have the following Debts and Effects abroad, *viz.*

	Dollars.
Factory at *Buenos Ayres*	709,000
at *Porto Bello* and *Panama*	1,881,000
at *Carthagena*	450,000
at St. *Jago de Cuba*	101,000
at *Havanna*	540,000
at *La Vera Cruz*	1,048,000

Making in all 4,529,000 Dollars, which reduced to Sterling at 4*s*. 6*d*. each, is 1,019,025*l*. and including 42,500*l*. paid the King of *Spain* for Anticipation-Money, and 19,251*l*. 17*s*. 9*d*. due from *Dudley Woodbridge*, late Agent at *Barbadoes*, makes 1,125,776*l*. 17*s*. 9*d*.

N. B. The Anticipation-Money was advanced pursuant to the *Assiento* Contract, to be repaid out of the Duties of the last 10 Years of the said Contract at 20,000 Pieces of Eight *per Annum*. In the foregoing Estimate is included about 396,582*l*. 9*s*. a Debt arising on the Trade to the Year 1720, and including the Seizure made by the *Spaniards* in 1718; also about 510,148*l*. 16*s*. from their Trade since that Time to 1727, including the Seizure of that Year; and about 239,449*l*. 14*s*. 6*d*. from the same Trade to the 26th of *May* 1732.

WEDNESDAY, *May* 30.

Yesterday being the Anniversary of the Restoration of King *Charles* II. the same was observed throughout the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, with the usual Rejoicings, as Ringing of Bells, firing the great Guns at the *Tower* and St. *James's-Park*, and the Evening concluded with Bonfires and other Illuminations.

The same Day there was a great Appearance of the Nobility at the Drawing-Room at Court, when the Knights Companions of the Garter, Thistle and Bath, appeared in the Collars of their respective Orders.

Yesterday the Rev. Dr. *Thomas Rymer* preached before the Hon. House of Commons, at St. *Margaret's*, *Westminster*.

The same Day the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor went with the usual State to St. *Paul's* Cathedral, accompanied by the Sheriffs and several of the Aldermen, and heard an excellent Sermon suitable to the Occasion, preached by the Rev. Mr. *Chambers*.

Norwich, May 26. The following is a true Copy of the Letter of Thanks sent from the Merchants and Tradesmen of this City, to the Hon. Sir *Edmund Bacon*, Bart. of *Garboldisham*, Knight of the Shire for the County of *Norfolk*, for his vigorously opposing any farther Extension of the Excise Laws; to which is added Sir *Edmund Bacon*'s Answer to the said Letter, as follows, *viz.*

SIR, Norwich, May 8, 1733.

We (the Dealers in Tobacco, and others, in and about the City of *Norwich*) should be wanting to ourselves, as well as our Fellow-Subjects in general, if we did not, upon this Occasion, though late, return Thanks for the Favours we asked; and withal pay the Tribute of acknowledging, that your constant Attendance in the Hon. House of Commons; your easy and engaging Attention to all our Concerns, and Representations; your strict and cautious Examination into dangerous Projects, and specious Designs;

and above all, your disinterested Regard, and steady Adherence to the Welfare of your Country; have rendered you truly deserving the important Trust you bear, and justly merited the unalterable Esteem of all, who wish well to the Trade, Liberty, and Prosperity of *England*. We beg Leave to assure you, we are with the greatest Respect, Sir,

Your most obliged, most devoted humble Servants.

P S. We desire, if you think fit, Sir, to present our Acknowledgments to all the worthy and honourable Gentlemen who concurred in the saving Vote.

Sir Edmund Bacon's *Answer to the above Letter.*

Gentlemen, London, May 12, 1733.

I return you my Thanks for the Honour of your Letter, and it is a great Pleasure to me to find that my Conduct in this Session of Parliament meets with your Approbation. Give me Leave, Gentlemen, to assure you, that so long as I shall have the Honour to be your Representative, it shall be my single Aim to discharge the Trust reposed in me, by a steady and inviolable Regard to the Security of the Rights and Liberties of my Country; and in particular, that I will never fail to oppose, to the utmost of my Power, all such Measures as I shall judge destructive or injurious to Trade and Commerce. I am, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

E. Bacon.

His Majesty has been pleased to promise his Pardon to any of the Persons that shall make a Discovery of their Accomplices in the Murder of the Watchman the 17th Instant near *Bunhill-Row*; and the Commissioners of Excise moreover offer a Reward of 100 l.

Commitment. On Monday last three Boys were committed to the *Tower* Jail, for stealing a Scarlet Cloak from Sir *William Ogbourn*; and Yesterday two of them made their Escape out of the Window by the Help of a Rope tied to the Bars.

Preferment. His Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Right Hon. *George* Earl of *Cholmondeley*, to be Lieutenant of and in the Counties of *Montgomery*, *Flint*, *Merioneth*, *Carnarvon*, and *Anglesea*; and likewise to be Lieutenant of and in the County of *Chester*, City of *Chester*, and County of the same; and also to be Custos Rotulorum of the said City and County, and Vice Admiral of the County of *Chester*.

Marriage. Last Friday Morning M. *Van Notten*, an eminent *Dutch* Merchant, was married to the second Daughter of *David Bosanquet*, Esq; deceased, a young Lady of 8000 l. Fortune.

Death. On Monday Night died Mr. Deputy *Tombes*, a very eminent Wholesale China-Man, in *Leadenhall-street*, reputed worth 20,000 l.

Bankrupts. John Wickstead, of the Borough of *Southwark*, Dyer.——*John Carbery*, of *Holywell Lane* in *Shoreditch*, Weaver.——*John Butcher*, of *London*, Carpenter.

THURSDAY, *May* 31.

Yesterday being the Birth-Day of their Royal Highnesses the Princesses *Amelia* and *Caroline*, when the former enter'd into the 23d Year of her Age, and the latter into her 21st, there was a great Appearance at Court, to compliment their Majesties and the Royal Family on that Occasion.

The General Review of the three Regiments of Guards, by his Majesty, which was to have been on Saturday next, in *Hyde-Park*, is further deferred to the 23d of *June*; the same having been notified to the Officers of the said Regiments.

Last Monday a Man at the Sign of the *Salmon* and *Ball* in *Hackney-Road*, who was brewing, going to take down the Head of the Copper of Strong Wort, it boiled over upon him, and scalded him in such a terrible Manner, that he died soon after; and Yesterday the Coroner's Inquest sat on his Body, and brought in their Verdict *Accidental Death*.

Yesterday a Man stood in the Pillory at the *Royal Exchange* for near three Quarters of an Hour, but without any Label affix'd over his Head denoting his Name and Offence.

On Monday the 21st Instant began the Races at *Newcastle*, when the 30 l. Plate for five Years old Horses, was won by Mr. *Richardson*'s Bay Stone Horse *Red-Robin*. On Tuesday the 40 l. Plate was won by Sir *John Stapleton*'s Chesnut Mare *Dutchess*. On Wednesday the 20 l. Plate was won by Mr. *Gibson*'s Mare *Pinch-Measure*. On Thursday the Gold Cup, Value 50 Guineas, by six Years old Horses, was won by *Ralph Lampton*, Esq's Dun Horse *Sprightly Turn-Post*. And on Friday the 20 l. Plate, by Galloways, was won by Mr. *Page*'s Chesnut Mare *Creeping Kate*.

We hear that his Majesty has been pleased to declare his Royal Intention to remove from St. *James*'s to *Richmond* the 12th of *June* next, together with the rest of the Royal Family.

On Monday Morning about Eight o'Clock, an unhappy Accident happen'd on board the *Neptune* from *Dunkirk*, Capt. *Warren Taylor* Master, while she lay at Anchor about a Mile below *Blackwall*, when four *Custom-house* Officers coming on board the said Ship to take Account of the Goods, *&c.* as they were gauging a Pipe of Brandy, the Boom of the Ship, by some unforeseen Accident, beat one of them over-board; and altho' the Crew flung out a Rope, and two Boats went out to save him, yet thro' the Weight of his Cloaths, *&c.* he was drowned. We are inform'd his Name was *John Cox*, who in the *South-Sea* Time was worth 30,000 l. but sharing the common Fate of those Days, was reduc'd so much as to take upon him the aforemention'd Employment for the Sustenance of himself and Family. He has left behind him a Wife and three Children.

We hear from *Coventry*, that one *William Reeve*, a poor Man that chared about for his Living, helping the Bakers and Butchers in any servile Work, having by his Industry got together about 5 l. 10 s. which he took Pleasure in shewing to any one (being a weak Man) for a Half penny. Some evil-dispos'd Persons taking Notice thereof, did on Tuesday Night, the 15th Instant, murder him, by giving him two mortal Wounds on his Head, and cut his Throat almost from Ear to Ear; his Cloaths were found in the Charnel House of that City, and the Blood being tracked to a Mill-Dam a considerable Distance, his Body was there found in the Condition above related; a Man and Woman of evil Fame, and who can give no Account where they were the Night the Murder was committed, and were seen at an unseasonable Hour near the Place where the murder'd Person lodg'd, and where the greatest Quantity of Blood was found, are committed to Jail on Suspicion, and a Reward is intended to be offer'd to any one who can discover the Murderers.

Gloucester, May 25. We have an Account from *Cowbridge*, that on Monday last a Youth of about 13 Years of Age, Son to the Collector of Excise, making a Pen in a Yard belonging to an Inn there, was call'd into a Room where his Father was, and running hastily, he slipt down, and fell upon his Penknife, which penetrated to his Heart, so that he died on the Spot.

And from *Tredegar-Park*, that on Wednesday last the Keeper's Son (a Child about two Years old) sitting on the Rails of a Bridge near the said Place with a Girl that look'd after him, they both fell into the Water, and the Boy was drowned, but the Girl was saved by catching hold of some Pales, where she continued till Assistance came.

Preferments. Yesterday came on the Election of a Physician for St. *Thomas*'s-*Hospital*, when Dr. *Hall* was chosen by a great Majority.——Mr. *John Wall* is appointed Purveyor and Butcher to his Majesty, in the room of Mr. *Russell*, deceas'd.——The Rev. Mr. *Thomas Keith* is presented to the Vicarage of *Sawbridgenorth*, in the County of *Leicester* and Diocese of *Lincoln*, void by the Death of the last Incumbent.——The Rev. Mr. *William Arrow* is presented to the Vicarage of *Loxdale*, in the County of *Suffolk* and Diocese of *Norwich*, void by the Cession of the last Incumbent.

Marriage. This Day *George Pitt*, of *Stratfield-Seu* in the County of *Southampton*, Esq; was married to Miss *Wyndham*, a rich Heiress of the said County.

FRIDAY, *June* 1.

Yesterday was held at *Guildhall* a Court of Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council, in which it was agreed, that the Bailiwick of the Borough of *Southwark*, which had been sold with the Farm of the Markets for a Term of Years, which expire at *Midsummer* next, should be separated, and that the said Place should not be sold any more, but that the Court should for the future appoint a Bailiff to hold the Place during Pleasure. The farther Consideration of this Affair was adjourned to the next Common Council.

The Right Hon. Sir *Joseph Jekyll*, Master of the Rolls, has given 500 l. towards settling the poor Families in the new Colony of *Georgia*, and the Lady *Jekyll* 100 l. and Yesterday both the said Sums were paid into the Hands of the said Trustees for settling the said Colony.

The Right Hon. the Lord *Abercrombie* has given 100 l. towards the Settlement of several poor Families in the new Colony of *Georgia*.

On Wednesday last one *John Brunker*, a Weaver, hanged himself in his working Loom at *Bethnel-Green*.

A few Days ago, as a Man was working on the *Keys* at the *Custom-House*, he had the Misfortune to have a Hogshead of Sugar fall on him, which bruis'd him in so terrible a Manner, that he died on Wednesday last.

Yesterday a poor Woman dropt down dead in *Pall-Mall*.

Wednesday last being the Birth-Day of their Royal Highnesses the Princesses *Amelia* and *Carolina*, Mr. *Cook*, the Master of a publick House near *Tunbridge Wells*, *Islington*, fired off his Guns in Honour of the Day; and in the Evening a Bonfire was made in the same Neighbourhood, and Mr. *Cook* again discharg'd his Guns several Times; a Custom he always observes on the Birth Days of the Royal Family.

On Thursday next his Majesty will go to the House of Peers, to sign the several Bills ready for the Royal Assent, and to put an End to this Session of Parliament.

Deptford, May 31. The following is a particular Account of the barbarous Usage a young Woman met with on the Road to *Charlton*, *viz.* The Woman passing through *Butt Lane* in this Town, and asking a Man, who overtook her, the Way to *Charlton*, had for Answer that he was going thither, and would shew her the Way; and soon after joining two of his Companions, they all went together, and carried her into a Gardener's Garden; upon this the Woman said that could not be the right; whereupon they threw her down, and used her in a most indecent Manner: The poor Creature, after many Struggles, getting up again, and begging for Mercy, they knock'd her down with a Club, and then, with their Hands, tore her Privy Parts in a terrible Manner, which done they stuff'd her with Horse-Dung, and afterwards threw her into a Pond near the Place, where she lay senseless till pull'd out by a Butcher who came that Way. The Woman was carried to our Workhouse, where she remained senseless several Days; upon this the Parish called a Vestry, and unanimously agreed to prosecute the Offender or Offenders when taken, at their own Expence; since which one is taken, and was carried to *Greenwich* on Saturday last, and there examined by Justice *Bell* and Justice *Savory*, and the Woman swore positively to him; another is also taken, but she could not swear positively against that Person; the third is run away.

Extract of a Letter from Smyrna, *dated* April 12.

The *Algerine* Ships that came hither to recruit, sailed last Month from *Fogia Nova*, nine Ships of them, with above 12,000 Men on board, including the Ship's Companies; and meeting with a strong Gale of Wind Southerly, soon after they got out, the *Admiral*, a 70 Gun Ship, was forced on Shore on one of the *Mufconice* Islands: He, instead of firing Warning Guns to the rest, shewed a Light, which brought three others along his Side, whereby they were all lost, and most of the Men perished. Another was lost in one of the Harbours on *Mitylene*. Three of the smallest are returned to *Fogia*, and the other has never been heard of. The largest Ship was given them by the Grand Seignior, a fine Ship mounted with all Brass Guns. The *Moors* committed many Murders here amongst the Country People, and now the honest *Turks* say the Loss of the Ships was a just Judgment upon them. It is not known when the three that escaped will sail from *Fogia*: The Loss in Goods is thought considerable; for they laid out a great deal of Money here in Merchandizes.

Preferments. Yesterday was held a General Court of the Artillery Company at *Guildhall*, where the following Gentlemen were elected for the Year ensuing, *viz.* Sir *Charles Peers*, President; Sir *Gerard Conyers*, Vice-President; Sir *John Eyles*, Treasurer; *Robert Alsop*, Esq; Sir *Henry Hankey*, Lieutenant Generals; Lieutenant Col. *Paul*, Major *Benjamin Osgood*, Major-Generals.

Marriages. ——— *Farely*, Esq; a Gentleman of a plentiful Estate in *Oxfordshire*, was last Week married to Miss *Harriot Pitt*, Sister to Miss *Pitt*, one of her Majesty's Maids of Honour.——Last Week *Sidney Stafford Smith*, of *Sevenoaks* in *Kent*, Esq; was married to the Daughter of Sir *Charles Farnaby*, Bart.

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Cadiz, May 19. N. S. On the 12th *arrived* the Sarah, S. Legar, from *Marſeilles*; Providence, Clark; John, Pain; Pelham, Nicholſon; Hannah and Elizabeth, Jones, from *Malaga*; Peregrine, Price, *Genoa*; Cathcart, Stewart, *Faro*; Fidelity, Power, *Waterford*; Union, Thayer, *Barcelona*; St. Michael, Roche; Phœnix, Potts, *Genoa*; Bridgtown, Scayton, *New-England*; Magdalen, Milligen, *Venice*; Eltham, Macnamara, *London*; Prince William, Vancoln, *Hamburgh*; Conſtant John, Walker, *London*; St. Joſeph, Evans, *Hamburgh*. On the 11th *ſailed* the George and Anne, Berwick, for *Hull*; Britannia, Kelſey; Anne, Aiskell; Charming Salley, Brown, for *London*.

Legborn, May 23. On the 16th *arrived* the Lovely-John, Molloy, from *Nantes*; Vanham, Frye, *Barcelona*; Reſtoration, Swan, *Falmouth*; Henry and Mary, Hooper, *Alexandria* and *Meſſina*. On the 17th *ſailed* the Warren, Wills, for *Venice*; Katharine, Williams, *Naples*; Young Harman, Barlett, *Trapani*; Judith, Dela Combe, *Cagliari*; Lyon, Spilman, *Tunis*; Dove, Vitry, *Lisbon*; Duke of Cumberland, Lund, *Alexandria*; Katharine, Britain, *Trapani*; Mary, Webber, *Gibraltar*.

HOME PORTS.

Plymouth, May 27. *Came in* the Eagle of and from *S. Remo*; and the Matthew Galley, Innis, from *Guinea*, both for *London*.

Deal, May 29. *Remain* the St. Quintin, Burne, for *Holland*. The Fame, Hampton, is *arrived* in *Dover* Road from the *Streights*; ſhe had 73 Days Paſſage, ſtopped two Days at *Gibraltar*, where ſhe found near 50 Sail of Ships.

Graveſend, May 25. *Arrived* the Fanny, Oliver, from *Antigua*; Crown, Jenkins, *Dunkirk*. At *Antigua* is *arrived* the Antigua Merchant, Sutcliffe, from *London*.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Hague, June 2. N. S.

SOME Letters from *Warſaw*, of the 15th *ult.* ſay the Articles of the general Confederacy run thus. 1. That the future King ſhall be a *Polander*, born of *Catholick* and *Poliſh* Parents, having no Lands, nor Eſtates, nor Troops without the Kingdom, nor being akin to any Foreign Power. 2. That neither the Primate, nor any other Biſhop, ſhall proclaim the King ſo long as there is any Diviſion. 3. That the Army ſhall be forthwith augmented. 4. That for the future no foreign Officers or *Diſſidents* ſhall be employed in the Army. 5. That the particular Confederacies ſhall be caſhired, and incorporated into the general one. 6. That they ſhall engage to do all this upon Oath. They add, that the Majority, upon hearing theſe Articles read, rejected the Clauſe of the King's being related to Foreign Powers, ſaying there was hardly a great Houſe in *Poland* but was ſo; as the *Radzivils*, the *Lubomirſki*'s, the *Potoſki*'s, the *Wiſnowieſki*'s, &c. ſo that that Clauſe was expunged.

Paris, June 6. By all Accounts that arrive in this City, relating to the Inundation caus'd ſome Days ago by the River *Loire*, we have nothing but the melancholy Particulars of great Damages done thereby. Our Advices from *Orleans* likewiſe mention the great Floods that have happened thereabouts, and ſpeak of both Men and Cattle, Houſes and Trees, that were ſuddenly ſwept away by them. The Prejudice done to the Lands, which the Torrents that paſs'd over them have intirely laid waſte, and the Miſchiefs done to ſeveral Towns, where the Violence of the Water bore away all before them, are not to be expreſs'd, thoſe done to the City of *Orleans* alone, amounting to four Millions of Livres.

They write from *Marſeilles*, that the Maſter of a Bark lately arriv'd there from *Smyrna*, brings Advice, that the *Turkiſh* Soldiers which the *Algerines* had inliſted, in order to renew the Siege of *Oran*, having many of them eſcap'd from the Danger of the late Wreck of the *Algerine* Squadron, refuſe to enter again on board of Ship, for fear of the like Misfortune.

A Coal Mine has been diſcover'd near the Mills in the Province of *Bourbon*, which yields Coals, fuller of Sulphur than thoſe of *Great Britain*, and which conſequently will burn a much longer Time. This Mine being but two Leagues diſtant from a navigable River, the Produce of it may with great Eaſe be brought hither by the Canal of *Pizar*

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